GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether crop insurance scheme has not been implemented entirely in State of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) whether it has resulted in delay in the implementation of the decision of the Union Government the farmers could get the remunerative prices of their crop and also get the benefit of insurance at the time of natural calamity any other loss; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for its proper implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has been introduced from Rabi1999-2000 after replacing Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) in thecountry. The scheme is optional for the States. Madhya Pradesh State is implementingthe NAIS since Rabi 1999-2000. The State Government of Rajasthan has not opted so far, in favour of implementation of NAIS.

(b) To provide remunerative prices to the farmers for their crops, Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for the major crops are announced by the Government of India in eachseason. The Food Corporation of India and the National Agricultural CooperativeMarketing Federation (NAFED) undertake procurement operations to providereasonable prices for their produce, if prevailing prices fall below the MSP level.

Admissible insurance claims are worked out and settled by the Implementing Agency (IA) immediately after the yield data is made available by the concerned State/UT. During Rabi 1999-2000 insurance claims amounting to Rs.11.33 lakh paid to the farmers of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) NAIS, at present, implemented by an specialized agency called GeneralInsurance Corporation of India (GIC).To implement the scheme effectively adequate training and publicity through various agencies such as, Central/State Governments,GIC have been undertaken. Appraisal reports from time to time are prepared. Besides this, there is a provision to make annual review and modifications in the scheme as per requirements.